



G-5's "Eye on AMC"

U.S. Army Materiel Command

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Natick gets new commander

The Army Materiel Command's Soldier Systems Center welcomed its new commander during a ceremony Oct. 10.

Col. David Bongi was introduced to the work force as the installation commander and acting deputy commanding general for operational readiness for AMC's Research, Development and Engineering Command.

Bongi replaces Brig. Gen. Craig Peterson, who served as deputy commanding general for homeland operations and installation commander since July 2002.

"I feel privileged to be here. I will always be here for you," Bongi said. "We have a bright future ahead of us."

AMC delivers trucks to Afghan National Army

To help the Afghan National Army win the fight to secure its nation, AMC's Combat Equipment Group-Europe is sending them more than 500 trucks from locations in Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

"Though the trucks are no longer needed by the U.S. Army, they have a lot of life left in them, so they are being sent to Afghanistan under the provisions of the Afghan Freedom Support Act," said Col. Robert D. Cox, commander.

Some 400 of the trucks are those known to generations of GIs as the "Deuce and a Half," while 111 are five-ton cargo vehicles.

"These trucks will be ideal for the harsh conditions found in Afghanistan," said Lt. Col. Steven A. Shapiro, Combat Equipment Battalion - Luxembourg commander. "They all have standard transmissions, common in that part of the world, and are about as rugged and simple as a truck can be."

New 'family' showers warmth in tents safely, efficiently

Heating tents safely, effectively and efficiently is now much simpler thanks to the Family of Space Heaters developed by Product Manager-Force Sustainment Systems located at AMC's Soldier Systems Center.

The FOSH uses the latest advances in combustion, power generation and microprocessor technology to provide comfort and protection for soldiers, supplies and equipment in tents during cold weather operations in the field. The FOSH replaces the old M-1941 "Pot Belly" and M-1950 "Yukon" heaters from the World War II-era and eliminates the serious operational deficiencies and safety hazards associated with these antiquated heaters.

Tobyhanna repairs key missile

The U.S. Navy has certified Tobyhanna Army Depot's capabilities to repair the Sidewinder missile, a short-range, heat-seeking, air-to-air missile used by the Navy and Air Force.

Personnel from the Naval Warfare Assessment Station, Corona, Calif., visited Tobyhanna in August to grant indefinite certification for Tobyhanna to continue the repair, overhaul, modification and testing of the guidance and control systems of the Sidewinder missile. Tobyhanna has successfully overhauled about 2,200 Sidewinder GCSs since the workload began.

"This is a significant milestone for the depot," said Terry Lampton, director of communications security and tactical missiles systems. "Only through the dedicated efforts of our equipment maintenance technicians, test station operators and production engineering directorate personnel could we achieve this accomplishment."